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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
**CHIEF SECRETARIAT (EDUCATION)**  
(G.O. Ms. No. 3, dated 4th January 2013)

**ORDER**

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify the guidelines for the participation of school students in the march-past and cultural programme during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebration in the Union Territory of Puducherry, as mentioned in the Annexure appended to this order.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their U.O. No. 1595/F4/2012, dated 17-10-2012.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**M. GUNASEKARAN,**

Under Secretary to Government (Education).

#### ANNEXURE

1. *Short title, extent and commencement* .— (i) The scheme may be called the “Scheme for the Participation of school students in the March-past and Cultural Programme during Independence Day/ Republic Day Celebration in the Union territory of Puducherry”.

(ii) It shall be extended to the students of all the Government, Government-aided and Private recognised High and Higher Secondary Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force from the academic year 2012-13.

2. *Object*.—To identify the abilities of school students and encourage in the field of art and culture.

3. *Scope*.— The best performing school contingents in the march-past during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebration will be awarded shield separately for the Government Boys’ School, Government Girls’ School, Private Boys’ School and Private Girls’ School.

In the cultural programme during the Republic Day Celebration, shield will be awarded separately for best Government school and best Private school. Special mementoes will be awarded to Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry for their special programme in the Republic Day Celebration because they are not included in the competition.

4. *Definition*.— (a) "Government" means the Secretary to Government (Education), Government of Puducherry.

(b) "School" means the Government and Private recognised High and Higher Secondary Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) "March-past" means a ceremony in which contingents of school students walk with stiff regular steps rhythmically.

(d) "Cultural programme" means the programme in which school children exhibit their talents connected with the culture of a particular society or group, its customs, beliefs, etc.

(e) "Student" means student studying from 6th to 12th Standard in the Government schools, Government-aided schools and Private schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(f) "Contingent" means the school team which consists of 35 students.

(g) "Selection committee" means the committee constituted for the purpose of selecting the school contingents for march-past and schools for cultural programme.

(h) "Organisational in-charge" means an official working in the Office of the Deputy Director, Sports and Youth Services and dealing with the scheme, posted to give suitable instruction to participants, teachers, assist judges, collect entries from various schools, scrutinise the entries during the selection trials.

(i) "Associate NCC Officer" means a teacher/lecturer under whose command NCC troupes/platoons/companies are functioning in schools/colleges.

(j) "National Service Scheme" means the scheme sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India to develop the personality of the higher secondary students and college students through social service.

(k) "Community Service Scheme" means the scheme sponsored by the Government of Puducherry to develop the personality of the secondary school students through social service to the community.

(l) "Children Traffic Corps" means school students who assist the traffic police in controlling traffic on the roads.

(m) "Scouts and Guides" means an organisation for boys and girls, which trains young people in practical skills and does a lot of activities with them.

5. *Eligibility.*— The boys and girls studying 6th to 12th standard from the Government High/Higher Secondary Schools and recognised Private High/Higher Secondary Schools are eligible to participate in the march-past and cultural programme.

6. *Method of selection of students.*— March-past : The best performing school contingents will be selected by the selection committee consisting of three members duly constituted by the Director of School Education, Puducherry.

The selection committee for march-past shall consist of an Associate NCC Officer of various educational institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry under the control of the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry. A representative from the NCC Group Headquarters/NCC units shall be one of the members of the selection committee. One organisational in-charge shall assist the committee during the selection trials.

The selection committee will select the following number of school contingents to participate in the Independence Day and Republic Day parade:—

- (i) Government Schools-Boys . . 5 contingents
- (ii) Government Schools-Girls . . 5 contingents
- (iii) Private Schools-Boys . . 5 contingents
- (iv) Private Schools-Girls . . 5 contingents

Each school contingent consisting of 35 students are eligible to participate in the Independence Day and Republic Day march-past. Four Rolling Trophies are instituted by the Directorate of School Education, Education Department, Puducherry during the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations in the following categories :—

- (i) Best Government Boys' School contingent
- (ii) Best Government Girls' School contingent
- (iii) Best Private Boys' School contingent
- (iv) Best Private Girls' School contingent

In addition to the above school contingents, the following special contingents in each category will also participate in the Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations without selection trials:—

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| (1) National Service Scheme-Boys   | . . 1 contingent |
| (2) National Service Scheme-Girls  | . . 1 contingent |
| (3) Community Service Scheme-Boys  | . . 1 contingent |
| (4) Community Service Scheme-Girls | . . 1 contingent |
| (5) Children Traffic Corps-Boys    | . . 1 contingent |
| (6) Children Traffic Corps-Girls   | . . 1 contingent |
| (7) Scouts                         | . . 1 contingent |
| (8) Guides                         | . . 1 contingent |

Thus, 28 contingents comprising 980 students in Puducherry region will participate in the march-past in the Independence Day/ Republic Day Celebration.

The selected school contingents, Scouts, Guides, National Service Scheme, Community Service Scheme and Children Traffic Corps along with their escort teachers are to attend the 8 days practice rehearsals regularly.

The schools who have won the shields during the previous Republic Day parade will have the option to lead the contingents in the respective sections in the Independence Day parade. The schools who have won the shields during the previous Independence Day parade will have the option to lead the contingents in the respective sections in the Republic Day parade.

In respect of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions there will not be selection trials. The respective Chief Educational Officers/ Delegate to Director of School Education shall form the school contingents to participate in the march-past as follows:—

Karaikal—12 contingents = 420 students (12 x 35)

Mahe — 10 contingents = 350 students (10 x 35)

Yanam — 8 contingents = 280 students (8 x 35)

A total of 2,030 students will participate in the march-past in the Independence Day/Republic Day Celebration in the Union territory of Puducherry.

Cultural programme : A separate selection trial will be conducted for Government schools and Private schools for cultural programme to be performed in the Republic Day Celebration. The selection committee shall consist of three judges having professional expertise in the relevant art and working in various educational institutions in the Union territory of Puducherry. The selection committee will select the following number of schools to perform cultural programme in the Republic Day Celebration:—

(i) Government schools . . 3 schools

(ii) Private schools . . 3 schools

One organisational in-charge shall assist the committee during the selection trials.

In addition to the above school teams, the students of Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry will also participate in the cultural programme as a special category.

Each participating school shall consist of 90 students including the Jawahar Bal Bhavan totalling to 630 students in Puducherry region, in respect of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions the respective Chief Educational Officer/ Delegate to Director of School Education shall form the schools to perform cultural programme. 200 students in Karaikal region, 100 students each in Mahe region and Yanam region are to be selected by the respective officers to present cultural activities at their respective regions.

The presentation of cultural programme is subject to the following conditions:—

(a) Pre-recorded audio tapes must not be used for the songs in the Republic Day Celebrations.

(b) The number of students must not exceed 90 (inclusive of singers).

(c) The maximum duration permissible for each programme is only 4 minutes.

(d) The programme may be on message of National importance/National integration.

(e) The formation and movements should be aesthetic.

7. *Expenditure involved in the scheme.—*

March-past : (i) Washing allowance @ ₹ 30/student for each celebration

(ii) Refreshment charges @ ₹ 20/day/student for 8 days for each celebration (₹ 160/per student).

(iii) Uniform allowance @ ₹ 300 per student (once in a year during Independence Day Celebration)

(iv) Shoe allowance @ ₹ 400 per student to the Government school contingents only (once in a year during Independence Day Celebration).

(iv) Miscellaneous: (Public address system, honorarium to the judges for the selection trials, provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during practice, polishing the trophies and other expenses).

(a) Puducherry @ ₹ 8,250

(b) Karaikal @ ₹ 1,750

(c) Mahe @ ₹ 1,750

(d) Yanam @ ₹ 1,750

The break-up of expenditure on miscellaneous items are given below:—

Sl. No.	Region	Amount	Expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		(₹)	
1	Puducherry	8,250	Public address system for selection trials ₹ 3,000. 3 judges +1 organisational in-charge for selection trials ₹ 2,000 (500x4). Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 2,250 to the officials.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
			Refreshment per official and polishing the trophies ₹ 1,000.
2	Karaikal	1,750	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000 Refreshment to the officials and polishing the trophies ₹ 750.
3	Mahe	1,750	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000. Refreshment to the officials and polishing the trophies ₹ 750.
4	Yanam	1,750	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000. Refreshment to the officials and polishing the trophies ₹ 750.

Cultural Programme : (i) Refreshment charges to students @ ₹ 15 per student for 10 days (₹ 150 per head).

(ii) Costumes and make-up materials @ ₹ 250 per student.

(iii) Musician charge @ ₹ 5,000 per school for Puducherry-7 schools, Karaikal - 2, Mahe and Yanam each -1.

(iv) Printing of certificates @ ₹ 3,000 for Puducherry @ ₹ 1,500 for Karaikal and ₹ 1,000 each for Mahe and Yanam.



(v) Miscellaneous: (Public address system, honorarium to the judges for the selection trials. Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during practice, refreshment to the officials and other expenses)

Puducherry	@ ₹ 7,750
Karaikal	@ ₹ 1,250
Mahe	@ ₹ 1,250
Yanam	@ ₹ 1,250

The break-up of expenditure on miscellaneous items are given below:-

Sl. No.	Region	Amount	Expenditure
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		₹	
1	Puducherry	7,750	Public address system for selection trials ₹ 3,000. 3 judges +1 organisational in-charge for selection trials ₹ 2,000 (500x4). Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 2,250. Refreshment to the officials ₹ 500.
2	Karaikal	1,250	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000. Refreshment to the officials ₹ 250.
3	Mahe	1,250	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000.

			Refreshment to the officials ₹ 250.
4	Yanam	1,250	Provision of drinking water to the students on selection trials and during the 8 days practice ₹ 1,000. Refreshment to the officials ₹ 250.

8. *Quantum of expenditure.*—

March-past for both Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations

Sl. No.	Details of expenditure	No. of students	Total amount required
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Washing allowance @ ₹ 30/student.	2,030	₹ 60,900 for each celebration.
2	Refreshment charges@ ₹20/student/day for 8 days (₹160/student).	2,030 students and 66 teachers in-charge.	₹ 3,35,360 for each celebration.
3	Uniform allowance @ ₹ 300/student.	2,030	₹ 6,09, 000 once on Independence Day.
4	Shoe allowance @ ₹ 400/student to the Government School contingents.	1,085	₹ 4,34,000 once on Independence Day.
5	Miscellaneous @ ₹ 8,250 for Puducherry and each ₹ 1,750 for Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.	2,030 + 1,030	₹ 13, 500

## Cultural Programme on Republic Day Celebration :

Sl. No.	Details of expenditure	No. of student	Total amount required
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Refreshment charges @ ₹ 15 student/day for 10 days (₹ 150 per head).	1,030 students and 55 teachers in-charge.	₹ 1,62,750
2	Costumes and make-up materials ₹ 250/student.	1,030	₹ 2,57,500
3	Musician charge @ ₹ 5,000 per school. (7 schools for Puducherry, 2 schools for Karaikal, one school each for Mahe and Yanam).	11 schools	₹ 55,000
4	Printing of certificates @ ₹ 3,000 for Puducherry, ₹ 1,500 for Karaikal and ₹ 1,000 each for Mahe and Yanam.	2,030 + 1,030 (parade and cultural).	₹ 6,500
5	Miscellaneous @ ₹ 7,750 for Puducherry and each ₹ 1,250 for Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam.	2,030 + 1,030	₹ 11,500

(i) The quantum of expenditure shall be reviewed once in two years.

(ii) In case of doubts or disputes of any kind, the decision of the Government shall be final.

9. *Mode of payment* .— The award winners in the march-past will be given any cups/trophies separately for Government school boys/girls, Private school boys/girls for Independence Day Celebration and Republic Day Celebration. Certificates will be issued to winners and participants for Republic Day Celebration.

The award winners in the cultural programme during Republic Day will be given any cups/trophies, separately for Government school and Private school in the Republic Day Celebration.

The special mementoes and certificates will be issued to the participants of Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry for their special cultural programme in the Republic Day Celebration.

10. *Cancellation of award.*— The department has every right to cancel or revise the prize or certificate at any stage if there has been any default in the finalisation of the award.

11. *Interpretation and clarification.*— In the implementation of the scheme under these rules, if any doubt arises with regard to interpretation of any of the provisions of the scheme or any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Government and the decision of the Government shall be final.

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